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AMENDMENT NO. 9

PURCHASE OF FROZEN FRUIT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CHILD NUTRITION, AND OTHER DOMESTIC FEEDING PROGRAMS

The purpose of this amendment is to add the commodity specification and Universal Product Code (UPC) for Frozen Strawberries in Individual Serving Size to Section II, Individual Commodity Specifications, FV201-CS1, as amended for frozen fruit.

II. INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

N. Frozen Strawberries in Individual Serving Sizes

1. Grade: Equivalent to U.S. Grade A based on tolerances established in the U.S. Standards for Grades for Frozen Strawberries.
2. Style: Diced (3/8 to 1/2 inch)
3. Variety: "Benton" will not be allowed
4. Individual Net Weight: 4.5 ounces per cup. 96 cups per case.
5. Size of Primary Container: Individual portion serving cups.
6. Pack Formula: Shall be either:
 - a. The pack ratio must be 9 + 1 by weight, fruit to packing media ratio; where the packing media is dry sugar.
 - b. The pack ratio must be 5.5 + 1 by weight fruit to packing media ratio; where the packing media is a 45° Brix syrup composed of strawberry puree and dry or liquid sugar.
7. There shall be No cooked product of any kind used.



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8. The primary containers or lids will contain the name of product, ingredient statement, the net weight in pounds and kilograms, and a keep frozen statement. Identity coding must be on the cases.
9. Product must meet FDA Defect Action Level.
10. USDA Inspection shall be made during on-line production or repacking of the product.

NOTE: Labels and Case Markings

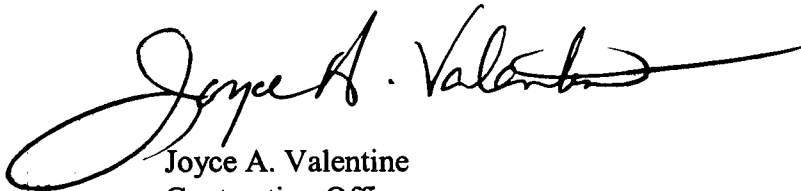
The following statement must be clearly printed on the exterior of all frozen strawberry cases: "Important - Keep Frozen. – Thaw product 3 hours at room temperature (70-75 degrees) prior to serving or thaw product in a refrigerator overnight prior to serving. Do not refreeze."

Listed below is the Universal Product Code for individual serving size:

<u>Frozen Fruit</u>	<u>Primary Container</u>	<u>Secondary Container</u>
Strawberries, Frozen, (96/4.5 oz. cups)	7 1500101417	7

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Sincerely,



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